

Water Agency Demand Response Potential



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Water Agency Peak Reduction Contribution

- Water agencies currently drop approximately 400 MW during the on peak period in response to TOU tariffs
- Water agencies have several hundred additional MW enrolled in utility interruptible tariffs
- Water agencies have additional capacity that has participated in demand response programs over the years
- Water agencies have hundreds of MWs of even more capacity available for curtailment if it is worth their while



Demand Response

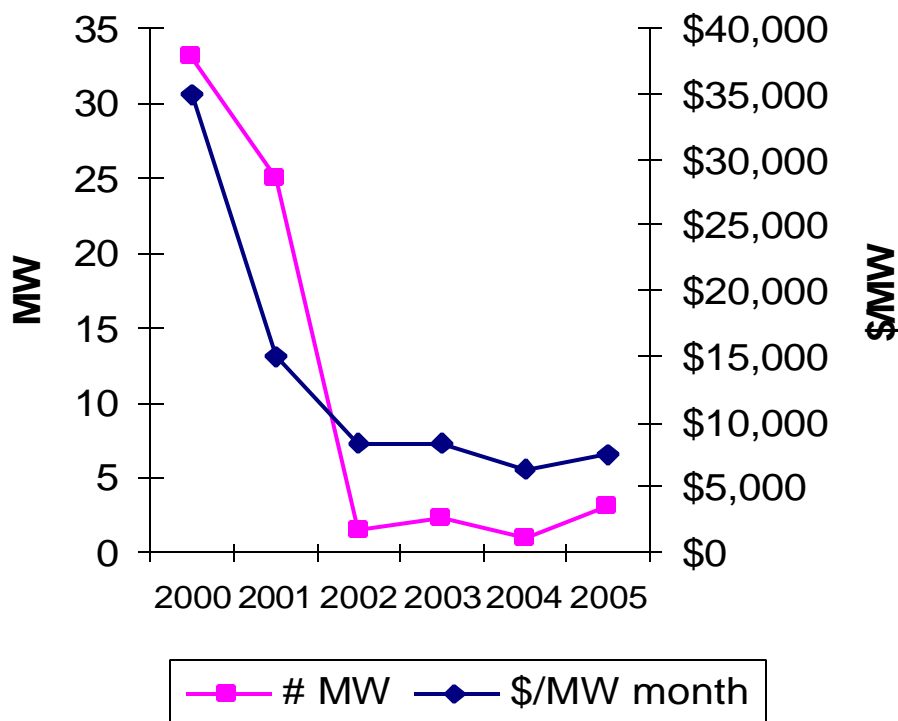
Program Observations

- Water agencies can drop additional demand but it costs them significant amounts of money and hassles
 - More sensors needed to ensure pressure maintenance and maintain water quality characteristics (primarily residual disinfection levels and nitrification which degrade when water is stored)
 - More controllers/valves needed to avoid inadvertent flows
 - Additional staffing requirements during refill periods
 - Adding additional storage cost about \$1.6/gal.
- Curtailing pumping demand entails more operational risk for the water system.

Demand Program Response Over the Years Through ACWA/Ancillary Services Coalition

year	# MW	# water agencies	/MW month		
2000	33	29	\$35,000		
2001	25	25	\$15,000		
2002	1.5	2	\$8,250		
2003	2.4	4	\$8,250		
2004	0.9	2	\$6,375		
2005	3	13	\$7,500		

**Water Agency Peak Demand
Response Program Participation
Over The Years**



Demand Response Necessary Payments

- Participation payment = Capacity payment
 - \$85/kW-year is CPUC determined avoided capacity cost (based upon annualized CT)
 - Spread over 4 summer months = \$21/kW-month (\$21,000/MW month)
- Per event payment = Energy payment
 - CT heatrate x natural gas costs
- These levels - instead of current levels - guaranteed for multiple years, would yield hundreds of MW of water agency demand response.

Characteristics of an Attractive Demand Response Program

- A multi-year program
 - so water agencies can have some investment recovery period
- A demand payment for participation in the program
 - to cover necessary capital investment costs
- Payment of a fixed risk premium
 - water customers won't be impressed if their district saved the state if they run out of water, pressure, fire protection, or are required to boil water.
- A per event payment
 - to cover additional staffing requirements, component wear and tear, and replacement water costs
- Has a reasonable verification criteria
 - 10 day rolling average doesn't work. Need to be adjusted for load reduction from previous hour.
- Accurate and timely settlements
 - hassles with payments, or waiting months, cools ardor for the program
- Adequate curtailment notification
 - in time to prepare and staff up for curtailment event.



Water Agencies Ability to Reduce Peak Electricity Demand

- More aggressive use of existing system - primarily pump scheduling and storage use
 - requires system simulations to assure operators that system won't be compromised via new operations
 - continuing problems with utility payment for technical assistance
 - requires additional staffing and additional sensors and controls
 - current payment levels inadequate
 - utility rebates for sensors/controls issue
- Add or accelerate additional storage
 - need some stability in tariffs/demand response programs
 - no financial incentives for storage additions
- Peaking generation
 - Solar - new ACWA Solar Preferred Partner Program
 - Hydroelectric generation - reversible pump/turbines
- Get water customers to shift water use out of peak period
 - TOU water meters and tariffs development/case study

New Storage and More Aggressive Use of Existing Storage

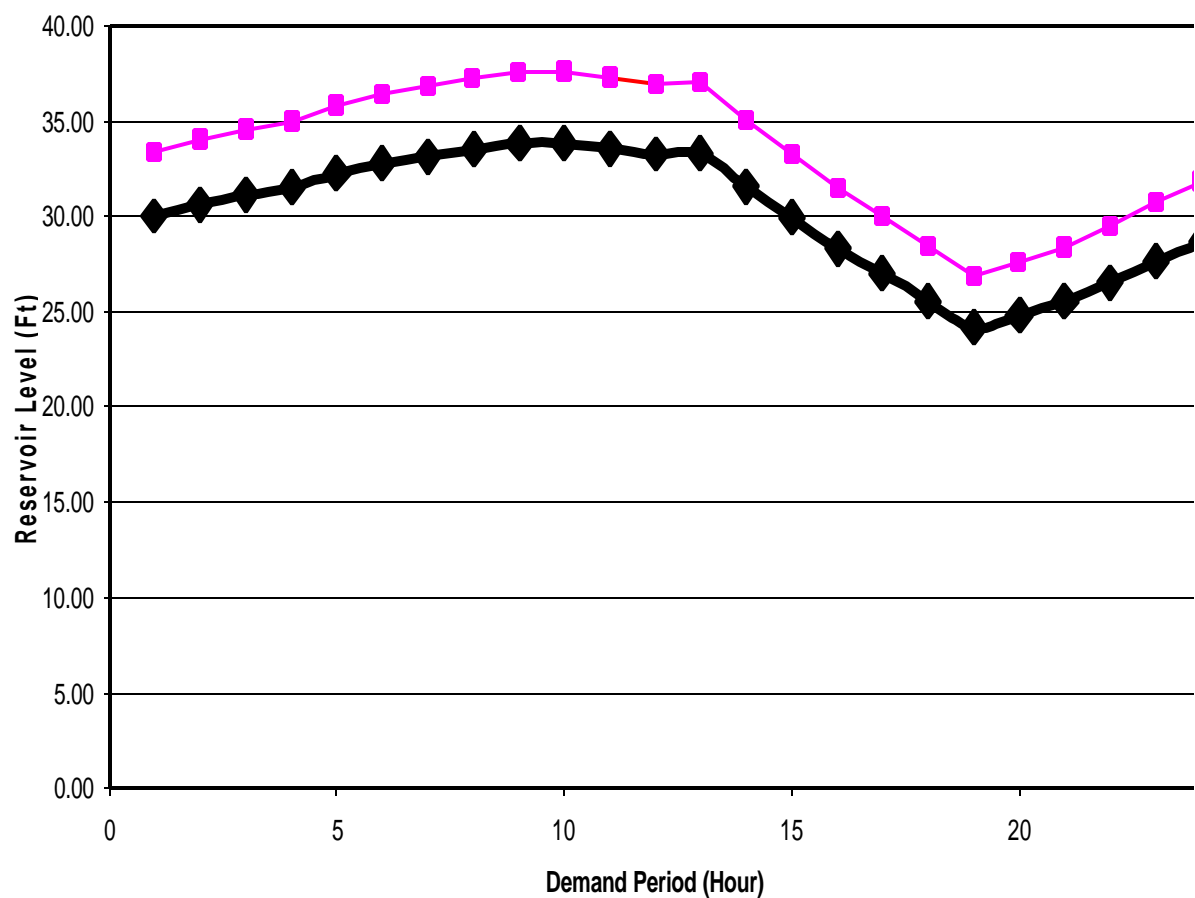
- Water in storage is stored electricity
- All urban agencies have some storage, additional storage/sensors expensive
- Designed to meet water demands
- Need technical assistance to change operation for peak reductions



More Aggressive Use of Storage

Hourly Reservoir Levels

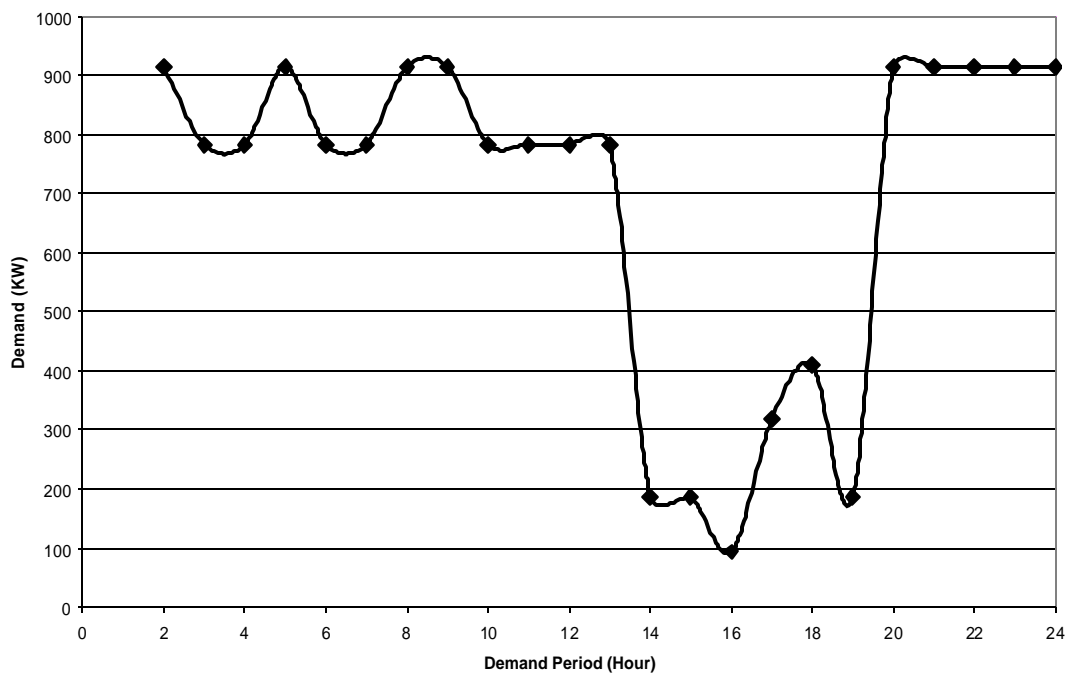
Oak Ridge Tanks Storage (8 MGals - Total)



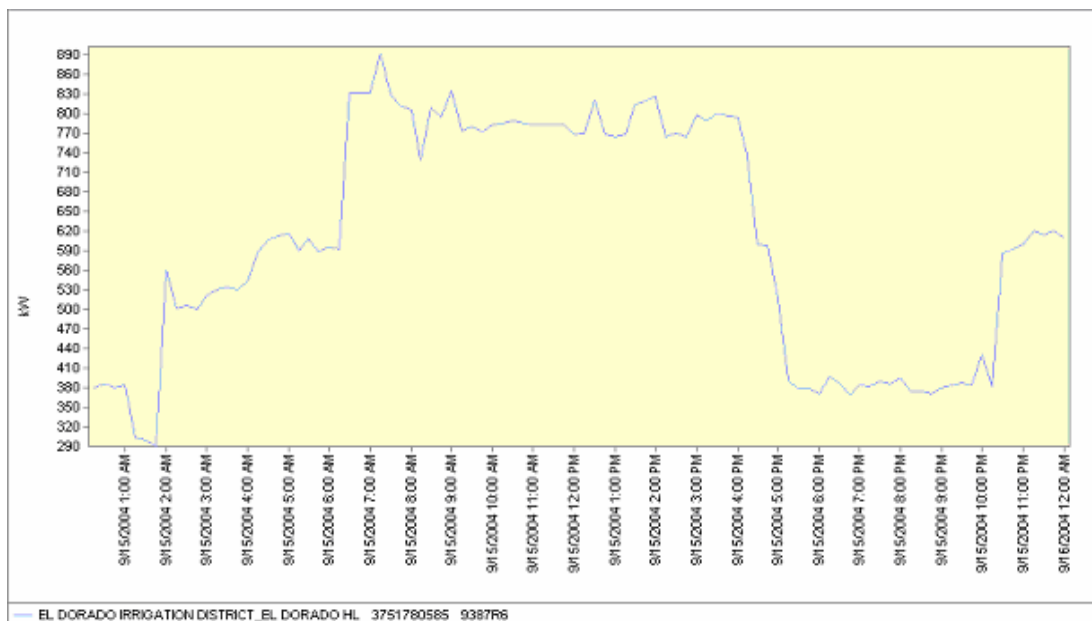
Peak Response Operation of Existing Systems

**Figure 5. Treatment Plant Hourly Electrical Demands
Demand Response Profile (14.5 MGal Demand)**

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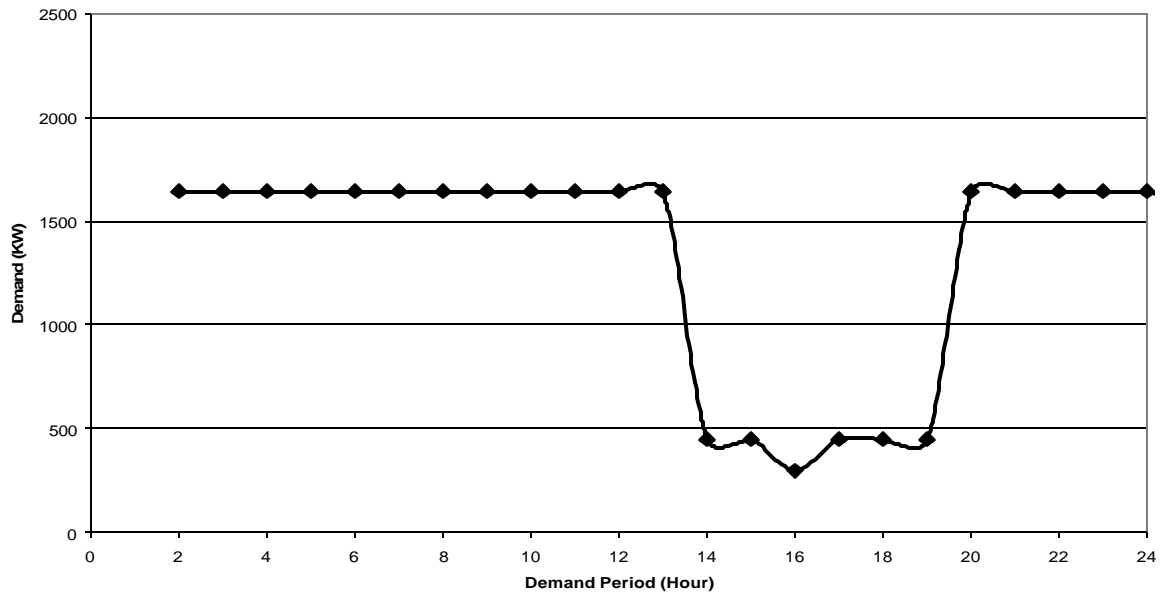


Recorded Electrical Use – September 15, 2004

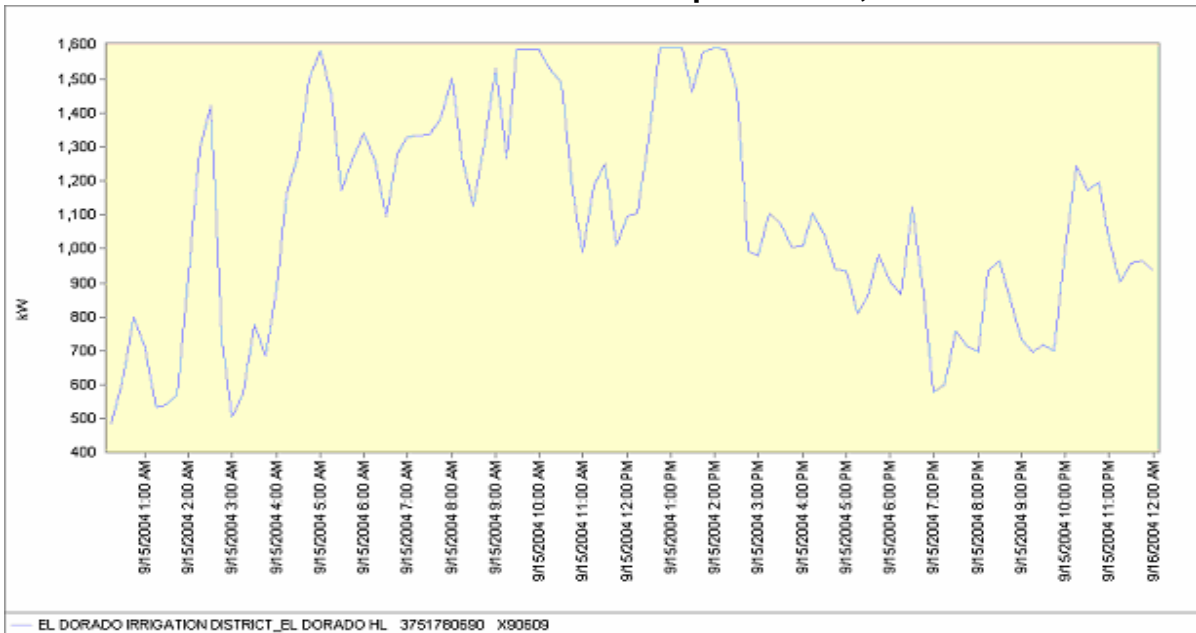


Folsom Lake Raw Water Pumping Station Hourly Electrical Demands Demand Response Profile (14.5 MGal Demand)

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Folsom Lake Raw Water Pumping Station



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What Is Needed To Get Additional Water Agency Peak Curtailment

- This summer
 - Free up technical assistance money so we can complete studies prior to summer
 - Allow financial incentives to be used for adding water agency storage and sensors and controls
- Longer term
 - Rate design and program stability
 - Demand response program modifications- including duration and financial incentives
 - Allow financial incentives to be used for adding water agency storage and sensors and controls
 - Additional Generation
 - Solar as backup
 - Peaking hydro
 - Development and case studies in customer TOU water rates
 - TOU water meter development
 - TOU water tariffs
 - Peak shift response of water customer
- There are hundreds of additional peak MWs available
 - not if it costs us money and messes up our systems